

WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Sunday – Thursday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
365 days a year

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Monday – Sunday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PARK FEES:

\$6 vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE NORTH: Take 303 South and exit at Peoria Ave. Take Peoria west (right) to Cotton Lane. Turn south (left) on Cotton and then west (right) on Olive Ave. Follow Olive Ave. 6 miles to park entrance.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-10 to 303 North. Exit 303 at Northern Ave. Turn west (left) on Northern to Cotton Lane. Turn north (right) on Cotton and then west (left) on Olive Ave. Follow Olive Ave. 4 miles to park entrance.

WEBSITE:

www.maricopa.gov/parks/white_tank/



Maricopa County

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AUGUST 2015 FEATURED PROGRAMS

Summer Family Movie with a Message: Hoot

Date: 8/1/2015 **Time:** 12:30 p.m.

Description: Join us in the Nature Center classroom for a showing of the family comedy, Hoot. The plot centers around Roy, a middle school student who moves with his family from Montana to Florida, only to learn that a nearby colony of burrowing owls is about to be bulldozed in order to build a restaurant. Roy and his new friends embark on a crusade to save the owls, encountering various characters along the way. This movie is based on the award-winning children's book, Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen and is rated PG.

Core: Animals

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Pondering Petroglyphs

Date: 8/19/2015 **Time:** 11 a.m.

Description: Petroglyphs, a form of rock art, are found throughout the world, including right here in the White Tank Mountains. If you have ever seen a petroglyph, it probably inspired lots of questions...Who made it? When? Why? What did it mean? Join Ranger Jessica, a former archaeologist, for a presentation about rock art, how it was made, and some of the potential meanings and functions it had to the cultures who created it. The presentation will include

photos of some of the rock art found in the White Tanks as well as other locations in the Southwest. This program will be held in the Nature Center classroom.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Summer Sonoran Series – Family Program

Date: 8/22/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: Looking for a fun family activity to beat the heat? Join Ranger Jessica and park volunteers in the Nature Center classroom for our Summer Sonoran Series. Each program in the series will explore a unique facet of the natural and cultural history of the Sonoran Desert, including plants and animals, archaeology, or petroglyphs. Programs may include crafts, games, or hands-on activities.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Critter Riddles: Which Animal Am I?

Date: 8/28/2015 **Time:** 11 a.m.

Description: The Sonoran Desert is home to over 500 different types of animals, each one unique and amazing. Guess the identity of various desert critters by solving riddles that describe them. Join Ranger Jessica in the Nature Center classroom for this short, fun, and interactive family program. You will also have the opportunity to meet some of these awesome desert dwellers in the Nature Center.

Core: Animals

MONTHLY EVENTS

Snake Feeding

Date: 8/1/2015 **Time:** 1 p.m.
Description: Have you ever seen a snake eat its lunch? Join us in the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula.
Core: Animals

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Adult Moonlight Hike

Date: 8/1/2015 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
Description: Experience the desert in a different light – moonlight! Join park staff for a 2 mile walk on the Mule Deer Trail, where we will experience nightfall in the desert. We will hike out to a viewpoint where we will watch the full moon rise over the Valley, then look for scorpions on our way back! Bring your scorpion light, your flashlight, and wear close-toed shoes. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet promptly at Area 4, near the restroom.
Core: Astronomy

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Designed for the Desert

Date: 8/6/2015 **Time:** 2 p.m.
Description: Do you know how often kangaroo rats need to take a drink of water? How about which desert animal urinates on their legs to keep themselves cool? To find out, join Ranger Jessica in the Nature Center classroom for a short presentation about Sonoran Desert animals and their amazing adaptations! You will even have the opportunity to meet some of the "locals" in the Nature Center.
Core: Animals

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Summer Sonoran Series – Family Program

Date: 8/8/2015 **Time:** 11 a.m.
Description: Looking for a fun family activity to beat the heat? Join Ranger Jessica and park volunteers in the Nature Center classroom for our Summer Sonoran Series. Each program in the series will explore a unique facet of the natural and cultural history of the Sonoran Desert, including plants and animals, archaeology, or petroglyphs. Programs may include crafts, games, or hands-on activities.
Core: Animals

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Snake Feeding

Date: 8/14/2015 **Time:** 3 p.m.
Description: Have you ever seen a snake eat its lunch? Join us in the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula.
Core: Animals

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Date: 8/15/2015 **Time:** 12:30 p.m.
Description: Join us in the Nature Center classroom for a showing of the family comedy, Hoot. The plot centers around Roy, a middle

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Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration and Sampler

Date: 8/15/2015 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.
Description: Calling all Dutch oven cooks and aspiring cooks! Join us for an introduction to Dutch oven cooking, an age-old cooking technique that can be a delicious addition to your outdoor recreation experience. Watch local Dutch oven cooks prepare their favorite recipes, learn some tricks of the trade, and get a taste or two when the vittles are done. Bring a chair for some sittin' around time while we wait for the food to cook (Dutch oven cooking is not "fast food"). Bring a picnic dinner, or a grill will be available if you would like to bring your own food to grill. Program will be held at Area 4. If you are interested in participating in the program as a cook (even first-timers), please contact Ranger Jessica at 623-935-2505, or by email at jessicabland@mail.maricopa.gov.
Core: Outdoor Skills

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Core: Archaeology & History

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Super Scorpion Search

Date: 8/21/2015 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
Description: How many scorpions can you count? Join us on this Super Scorpion Search to find out! Bring your scorpion light or purchase one at the entry station. Walk the Black Rock trail (short* or long loop) on your own to look for scorpions, then join us back at the ramada area to share your stories and complete a scorpion craft or project to take home. This great family evening event will take place at Area 4. Please wear close-toed shoes, and please leave your dog at home.
 *The Black Rock short loop trail is designated as a barrier-free trail and is wheelchair and stroller-friendly.

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What About Water?

Date: 8/29/2015 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.
Description: As desert dwellers, we all know that water is a precious resource. Join Ranger Jessica in the Nature Center classroom for an interactive program about the past, present, and future of water use in the Valley of the Sun, from the prehistoric Hohokam canals to our modern water delivery system that harnesses water from hundreds of miles away to supply our growing city. The presentation and associated activities will focus on increasing awareness of water management in the West as well as how our actions as individuals and communities affect the world around us, today and into the future. Take home some tips about how you can be a water hero in your community!
Core: Archaeology & History

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Core: Animals

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STAFF:

Park Supervisor: Raymond Schell
Interpretive Ranger: Jessica Bland
Admin. Staff: Nora Lee Taylor
Park Maintenance: Eldon Heydenreich and Lloyd Anderson

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